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Amendments to the Abstract:

On page 21 of the specification, amend paragraph [00044] as follows:

[00044] A microelectronic structure that includes a semi-conducting substrate including circuits formed therein and a top surface, and at least one conductive bump situated on the top surface providing electrical communication to the circuits[[,]]. the The at least one conductive bump has a sidewall formed of an electrically insulating material. The portions of the conductive bump other than the sidewall is a unitary structure. The top surface of the conductive bump is uncovered and directly exposed to its surroundings.

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